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STATED MEETING, MAY 2, 1843.

DR. BRIDGES in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

Large and fine specimen, in spirits, of *Exocetus exiliens*, from the Gulf of Mexico. Presented by Dr. Carson.

Specimen, in spirits, of *Elaps* ———, from South Carolina; and an *Agaricus*, from the same. Presented by Mr. James Read.

Ferruginous Quartz, from Spain; Bituminous Coal, from Hawesville, Kentucky; Disthene and Staurotide, from Mount St. Gothard; and two specimens, male and female, of *Scarabæus tityus*, from New Harmony. Presented by Dr. D. D. Owen, of New Harmony, Indiana.

Volcanic scoriæ, vitrified lava and granular lava, from the great crater of Kilauea, on Hawaii. Presented by Dr. Thomas Lafon.

Capsules of *Bombax heptophylla*; an Indian axe; and several geological specimens, from the Island of St. Croix. Presented by James Codwise, Esq., U. S. Vice Consul, through P. A. Browne, Esq.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Fifty-sixth Annual Report of the Regents of the University of the State of New York. Albany, 1843. From the Regents.

Transactions of the American Philosophical Society. Vol. 8. New Series. Part 3. 1843. From the Society.

Proceedings of the same for January, February and March, 1843. Vol. 2. No. 25. From the same.

American Journal of Science and Arts. Vol. 44. No. 2. April, 1843. Conducted by Prof. Silliman and B. Silliman, Jr. From the Editors.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.

Circular invitation from the National Institute at Washington to the meeting of the "Association of American Geologists and Naturalists," to be held at Washington, in April, 1844.

Communication from the Northern Academy of Arts and Sciences at Hanover, New Hampshire, dated April 27, 1843, returning acknowledgements for the late donation by the Academy of several volumes of its Journal.

A letter from Mr. Wm. E. Moore, dated City of Para, Brazil, March 3, 1843, tendering his services in making collections of Zoological specimens in that country.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Dr. Elwyn exhibited a portion of oil from Indian corn, received through Mr. Charles Tracey, of Utica, New York, in which place it is now made on a large scale. Dr. Elwyn referred the members for information respecting the mode of obtaining the oil to an article on the subject in Vol. 44 of Silliman's Journal.